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SUBJECT: USG--GOU RELATIONS; MEETING WITH GENERAL AMIN

REF: KAMPALA 2240

1. OFFICIAL GOU VERSION OF JULY 10 SESSION WITH GENERAL AMIN (REFTEL) IS INCOMPLETE AS WELL AS INACCURATE IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. IT DOES, HOWEVER, INCLUDE ONE REMARK BY HIM THAT I NEGLECTED TO INCLUDE IN MY REPORT (KAMPALA 2238): I.E., THAT HE WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE "A VERY DRASTIC DECISION" AGAINST ANY AMERICAN PERSONNEL FOUND TO BE WORKING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY. HE DID SAY THIS, AND I TOOK IT TO MEAN HE WOULD EXPEL SUCH PERSONS.

2. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INACCURACIES, ADDITIONS OR ELABORATIONS, IN THE OFFICIAL GOU VERSION. I DO NOT RECALL AMIN SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT HIS SECURITY FORCES BEING ON THE ALERT, BUT HE DID SAY, AS I REPORTED, THAT HE HAD ORDERED HIS SECURITY SERVICES TO
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"ROOT OUT" SUBVERSIVES. NOR DID HE USE THE TERM "DIRTY

TRICKS," TO MY RECOLLECTION. AMIN DID NOT SAY THAT ALL PEOPLE BELONGING TO THE (WW) MINOR RELIGIOUS SECTS "ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AT ONCE." AS I REPORTED IN KAMPALA 2238 (PARA 8) HE SAID THE SECTS MUST GO BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT WANTED HERE, BUT HE DIDN'T SAY THIS INSTANT. (WE ARE ALREADY RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM PROTESTANT AMERICAN MISSIONARIES. OUR ADVICE TO THEM IS TO INQUIRE RE THEIR STATUS AT DEPT. OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS ATTACHED TO THE PRESIDENCY.)

3. I DO NOT RECALL THE "BEST WISHED FOR THE FUTURE" TO BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT NIXON, AS THE GOU VERSION HAS IT, THOUGH AMIN DID ASK ME TO INFORM MY GOVERNMENT IN DETAIL ABOUT OUR MEETING.

4. WE ARE AGREEABLY SURPRISED THAT GOU VERSION INCLUDED MY DENIAL AMERICANS ARE ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND MY WARNING ABOUT REPORTS REACHING THE GENERAL. AT DIPLOMATIC DINNER YESTERDAY EVENING SEVERAL PRESENT REMARKED ON FACT THAT VISUAL PORTION OF TV NEWS REPORT TWICE SHOWED ME TALKING TO THE GENERAL. THIS IS A RARE EVENT, AS NORMALLY UGANDA TV SHOWS THE GENERAL DOING ALL THE TALKING AND THE ENVOY DOING NOTHING BUT LISTENING. PICTURE IN VOICE OF UGANDA SHOWS ME LOOKING AT GENERAL WITH GRIM AND SCEPTICAL EXPRESSION WHILE HE ISU LECTURING ME. WE MUST HAVE A FRIEND AT THE VOICE.
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